

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
**SAMPLE APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION
ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS**

Project Title: Monroe Station, Repair and Rehab a Historically Significant Tamiami Trail Service Station

Project Sponsor (municipal, county, state, or federal agency, or tribal council):

National Park Service, Big Cypress National Preserve

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Priority (relative to other applications submitted by the Project Sponsor). High, 1

Name of Applicant (If other than Project Sponsor): _____

1. Qualifying Enhancement Activities:

Check the enhancement activity that the proposed project will address. (NOTE: Checking all activities possible does not ensure or increase eligibility. Each activity checked must meet all criteria listed for that activity in Appendix A of FDOT Procedure #525-030-300, Transportation Enhancement Projects).

☐ Provision of facilities for pedestrians and bicycles

☐ The provision of safety and educational activities for pedestrian and bicyclists

☐ Acquisition of scenic easements and scenic or historic sites

☒ Scenic or historic highway programs, (including the provision of tourist and welcome center facilities)

This project is located within the Tamiami Trail State and Federal Scenic Highway Corridor and will contain exhibits that will interpret the role of the Tamiami Trail in the development and growth of Florida and its impact/connection to natural areas in the region. The site may also provide travelers services, the possibility exists to create a concession operation that may provide convenient sales items, limited food service and recreational equipment rental for travelers along this remote area of the trail.

☒ Landscaping and other scenic beautification

The project will incorporate landscape planning and design to improve the appeal of the site.

☒ Historic preservation

The project would help preserve a structure that is listed on the Historic register.

☒ Rehabilitation of historic transportation buildings, structures or facilities (including historic railroad facilities and canals)

The proposal suggests the repair and rehabilitation of the existing structure so that it would reflect design elements from the original 1920s era concept.

☐ Preservation of abandoned railway corridors (including the conversion and use thereof for pedestrian or bicycle trails)

☐ Control and removal of outdoor advertising

- ☐ Archaeological planning and research
- ☐ Environmental mitigation to address water pollution due to highway runoff or reduce vehicle-caused wildlife mortality while maintaining habitat connectivity
- ☒ Establishment of transportation museums

The newly rehabilitated, historically significant, building will incorporate interior museum/interpretive space that will be dedicated to the history of the Tamiami Trail, The Southwest Florida Mounted Police and the Service Stations along the trail (such as Monroe Station) that helped shape South Florida as a tourist destination and opened the area to future development. The focus of interpretation will be on the period of 1929 – 1934, the time in which the Tamiami Trail Stations and the Southwest Florida Mounted Police were most active, with some interpretation related to the creation of the preserve and present day recreation within the preserve.

2. Project Description:

Use additional sheets as necessary to respond to the following:

(a) What type of work is being proposed? (Check all that apply)

- ☒ Planning Activities
- ☒ Project Development and Environmental Studies
- ☒ Engineering and Final Plans Preparation Work
- ☐ Right of Way Acquisition
- ☒ Construction
- ☒ Construction Engineering and Inspection Activities

(b) Describe how the proposed project is related to the intermodal transportation system by either function, proximity or impact. (One or more may apply).

See attached.

(c) Where is the project located (and what are the termini, if appropriate)? Include location map.

The structure is located south of the US 41 (Tamiami Trail) right-of-way (see maps for details) within Big Cypress National Preserve. Monroe Station is approximately 60 miles east of Naples, FL and 70 miles west of Miami, FL. See attached for map.

(d) Summarize any special characteristics of project. Provide typical section drawings for appropriate projects.

See Attached

(e) Describe the project's existing right of way ownerships. This description shall identify when the right of way was acquired and how ownership is documented (i.e. plats, deeds, prescriptions, certified surveys).

The site is currently owned by the National Park Service and the road corridor falls within the jurisdiction of the Florida Department of Transportation and the Collier County Department of Transportation. The ownership of the property will be retained by the National Park Service. See attached for details.

(f) Describe any proposed right of way acquisition, including expected matching fund source, limitations on fund use or availability, and who will acquire and retain ownership of proposed right of way.

No right-of-way acquisition is required, see above and attachments.

(g) Describe any related project work phases that are already complete or currently underway.

Not Applicable

- (h) Other specific project information that should be considered.

The structure is on the National Register of Historic Places.

3. Project Implementation Information:

Attach documentation as exhibits to this application.

- (a) Describe the proposed method of performing (i.e. contract or in-house) and administering (i.e. local or state) each work phase of the project. If it is proposed that the project be administered by a governmental entity other than the Department of Transportation, the agency must be certified to administer Federal Aid projects in accordance with the department's **Local Agency Program Manual** (topic no. 525-010-300).

All phases of this project will be administered by the National Park Service, either through contracts or by in-house resources.

- (b) Describe any public (and private, if applicable) support of the proposed project. (Examples include: written endorsement, formal declaration, resolution, financial donations or other appropriate means).

Attached

- (c) Describe the proposed ownership and maintenance responsibilities for the project when it is completed.

Ownership and maintenance responsibilities of the site will be retained by the NPS.

- (d) Describe source of matching funds and any restrictions on availability.

The total cost of the repair and rehabilitation of this project is estimated at \$480,000. Further projects related to the site include parking and access planning and construction and landscape plan and construction. The estimated cost for this element of the project is \$250,000, this will be the NPS matching portion of the grant. These funds are requested through the NPS project management system and are pending approval.

- (e) Other specific implementation information that should be considered.

4. Project Cost:

What is the total estimated cost of the work requested to be funded as an enhancement project through this application?

Planning Activities.	\$ <u>50,000</u>
Project Development and Environmental Studies.	\$ <u>50,000</u>
Engineering and Final Plans Preparation Work.	\$ <u>50,000</u>
Right of Way Acquisition.	\$ <u></u>
Construction.	\$ <u>300,000</u>
Construction Engineering and Inspection Activities.	\$ <u>30,000</u>
Other. (Describe)	\$ <u></u>

TOTAL: \$ 480,000

How will the project be funded?

FDOT Enhancement Funds \$480,000 + Local \$250,000 = Total \$630,000

FDOT Enhancement Funds 76% + Local 24% = 100%

CERTIFICATION OF PROJECT SPONSOR

I hereby certify that the proposed project herein described is supported by National Park Service, Big Cypress National Preserve. (municipal, county, state or **federal agency**, or tribal council) and that said entity will: (1) provide any required funding match; (2) enter into a maintenance agreement with the Florida Department of Transportation; (3) comply with the Federal Uniform Relocation Assistance and Acquisition Policies Act for any Right of Way actions required for the project, and (4) support other actions necessary to fully implement the proposed project. I further certify that the estimated costs included herein are reasonable and understand that significant increases in these costs could cause the project to be removed from the Florida Department of Transportation work program.

Signature

Name (please type or print)

Title

Date

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	YES	NO
Application Complete	_____	_____
Project Eligible	_____	_____
Implementation Feasible	_____	_____
Include in Work Program	_____	_____